

SERVANTS - Sept. 14	
TIME	9:00am TRAD. (Comm.)
GREETERS	Dan & Melinda Stelling
ELDER	Eric Retzlaff
USHERS	Maya Reed Brock Collison
ACOLYTES	Brecken Krueger Wesley Brovont
PASTOR	Pastor Leon Rosenthal
LAYREADER	Sandra Vanness
NO VESPERS on Sept. 15	

SERVANTS - Sept. 21	
TIME	9:00am PAX
GREETERS	Ryan & Brooke Collison
ELDER	Tom Weinrich
USHERS	Emily & Natalie Endorf
ACOLYTES	Sadie Hamilton Makenna Watts
PASTOR	Pastor Leon Rosenthal
LAYREADER	Jacque Collison
NO VESPERS on Sept. 22	

Pastor Leon Rosenthal
Guest Pastor for September

Mr. Derek Jareske
Director of Christian Ed.

Mr. David Beikmann
School Principal

Mrs. April Anson
School Secretary

Mrs. Sierra Fleer
7th/8th Grade

Mrs. Susan Harstad
5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Kelly Stonacek
3rd/4th Grade

Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason
2nd Grade

Mrs. Jennifer Rohrich
1st Grade

Mrs. Misty Steffen
Kindergarten

Miss Sydney Slater
Preschool

Mrs. Tara Oestreich
Para-educator

Mrs. Brooke Kilcoin
Para-educator

SUNDAY– SEPT. 14	9:00am	Trad. Worship (Comm.)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Bible Class
	5:00pm	High School Youth
WEDNESDAY– SEPT. 17	7:00am	Women’s Bible Study
	4:00pm	Confirmation
	5:15pm	Faith Weavers
THURSDAY– SEPT. 18	6:30am	Men’s Bible Study
SUNDAY– SEPT. 21	9:00am	PAX Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Bible Class
	1:00pm	Youth Event

September 14, 2025

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR: September 14. **"It's All on God; It's All on Us"**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience. (Deuteronomy 1:31)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fleer, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Anniversary of Brady & Taylor Bretschneider, Baptism of Russell David Fleer, Kathy Test and Family

LAY READERS: If you would like to be added to our list of Lay Readers, please reach out to the church, or talk to a member of our Zion Board of Elders. We have lay readers scheduled for the whole month of September! Thank you to everyone who has helped so far! The whole month of October is almost filled as well, except for **October 26**. If you are available to help with that service, please let us know.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes for public school 7th and 8th grade students will be once again taking place on Wednesday afternoons, from **4:00PM to 5:30PM**, beginning this Wednesday, September 10th, 2025. These classes will continue at that time on most Wednesday evenings into the spring, unless otherwise announced. A quick remember, if the public school does decide to cancel school for any reason, it is our policy to be likewise closed for Confirmation classes on that Wednesday. As of now, the 7th and 8th grade students will be learning from our DCE, Derek Jareske, in the old 7th/8th grade school classroom. Both 7th and 8th grade students will need a copy of Luther's Small Catechism for class each week, so if students have not yet received a copy of this resource, it can be purchased from the church for \$20 a copy. Families should also work to complete a registration sheet and pick up a few information sheets at their earliest possible opportunity. For more information, please contact the church office.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly meeting for high school youth students, 9th through 12th grades, is scheduled to take place **today**, September 14th, from **5PM to 7PM in the Zion youth room**. If you are considering joining us for this new opportunity, consider bringing a friend along, as well! A meal will be served, and no money is needed for this portion of the meeting.

CALLING PRAYER CHAIN: They are looking to add more members to the calling prayer chain group. If you are interested, please contact Jacque Collison at (402)750-7785 or Sandy Buckendahl at (402) 329-6647

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING: There will be a special voter’s meeting on Wednesday, September 24, at 7:30pm.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study will take place immediately following the baptism at 10:20am. The study will discuss the “Psalm of the Day.”

Our Christian Stewardship: SEPT. 7– PAX: 315
General: \$12,611.76 **Mission:** \$255.00 **Debt:** \$302.00
Matching Debt Funds (to be matched): \$91,946.74 **Operating Debt Balance:** \$35,973.59

SCRIP: Mrs. Anson is still taking orders for scrip. They are due every Monday by midnight. If she doesn’t have what you need on hand, orders may take up to one week before they are available.

HEARING IMPAIRED PARISHIONERS: Personal hearing receivers are available in the guest book podium. Please take the case with you and remember to put them back in their case and return them to the podium, or usher, when you are done. If you are having a problem with one of them, please turn it in to an Elder or Usher and let them know of the problem.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: If you would like to donate to the tuition assistance account at Zion Lutheran School, please send donations to the school marked for tuition assistance. Any questions contact the school office at 402-329-4658. Thank you for helping students have a Christian education!

LAWN HELP: To care for the needs of this congregation and provide new opportunities to serve, we are looking for individuals who might be able to help with our lawn care needs. If you would like to serve in this way, please scan the provided QR code to be directed to a website where you can learn more about this process and sign up to mow and trim on a particular week, or several, during the next six months. Feel free to also reach out to a member of our Board of Trustees for more information. **Please keep in mind that the Parsonage will also need to be mowed as part of the weekly mowing along with the church. Thank you for all your help!**

The next open sign up date for mowing is **September 18**



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH: Ark Encounter/Creation Museum Bus Tour. October 13-17, 2025. Join us for a tour at the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. For more information, and where to register, please refer to this link: <https://oursav.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3028925>

USHERING: If any newly confirmed, or previously confirmed, youth students would be willing to assist during church services on Sunday mornings, please call 402-329-4313 to let the church office know. We are currently looking for both ushers and technology booth assistance, and training will be provided for anyone willing to serve in either capacity.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar Flowers donated by Brady & Taylor Bretschneider for their anniversary! Thank you!

BAPTISM: Russell David Fleeer, son of Raymond & Sierra Fleeer. Sponsors are Dean Fleeer & Catalina Knox.

YOUTH EVENT: All 7th through 12th grade youth students and parents are invited to help paint and decorate the new youth room, formally the old Zion Lutheran School 5th/6th grade classroom, next Sunday, September 21st, beginning at 1PM. A pizza lunch will be provided, and anyone planning to help should plan to wear clothes that could get paint splattered and/or messy. In addition, if anyone has anything they think might be good in the new youth room and would like to make a donation, please let Mr. Jareske know in the near future.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: The Zion Lutheran Church youth students will be once again selling discount cards to fundraise for their various events, activities, and initiatives **beginning next Sunday, September 21st**. Just like last year, these cards are full of discount offers with the generous support from many local businesses from around this area. If you would like to purchase one of these cards to support both our youth students and our local area businesses, please speak with a youth student, Mr. J, or call the church office, Monday through Thursday, to inquire soon. **The cost of each card is \$15, they are only valid for one calendar year, and limitations and exclusions do apply. See card for details.** At this time, we can only accept cash or checks, and checks can be made out to "Zion Lutheran Youth." In addition, we are only planning to print a limited amount, so if you would like a discount card, please don’t hesitate to inquire.

FAITH WEAVERS: Faith Weavers began last Wednesday, September 10th, and it will take place every Wednesday evening at Zion Lutheran Church from 5:15PM-6:45PM as long as school is in session, or otherwise announced. Just a reminder, if the public school cancels for any reason on a particular Wednesday, Faith Weavers will be likewise canceled for that evening. As such, there will be no Faith Weavers classes on Wednesday, September 24th, as school is cancelled for parent-teacher conferences. Otherwise, if your child is between Kindergarten and 6th grade, please consider having them join us for another year of faith building, fun, and fellowship! Parents can find more information and register on our church website under “Educational Ministries” and “Faith Weavers.” For families planning to take part, students should typically plan to enter through the church narthex each week, wait to be dismissed for the meal at, or quickly around, 5:15PM, and then head into the gym for the opening meal. Students will then progress through their typical stations, and Faith Weavers classes will conclude at 6:45PM. It is our preference that all parents/guardians pick up their children inside the church each week, so that way we know they are going home with the correct individuals. Thank you, and we hope to see you soon! Also, if you would be interested in donating to support this program, besides monetary donations, included below is a list of some requested food items. As always, your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated as we look forward to seeing as many students as possible at Faith Weavers this year!

Please put non-perishable donations in the marked bin in the kitchen with a note (from who, for who) and alert church staff about your donation. Cold items should be put in the refrigerator, and frozen items should be placed in the freezer. For more information, contact Mr. Jareske.

For September and October:

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| 1. Regular jars of pizza sauce | 7. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese |
| 2. Regular cans of peaches | 8. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef |
| 3. Regular packages of hotdog buns | 9. Regular bottles of ketchup |
| 4. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese | 10. Regular bottles of mustard |
| 5. Regular cans of mandarin oranges | 11. Regular cans of corn |
| 6. Regular packages of hamburger buns | |

FAITH WEAVERS HELP: As this weekly event is dependent on the teamwork of volunteers and supporters, we are once again putting out the call for assistance. If you feel called to help this year by serving in some capacity, week to week, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313) in the near future. Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. We are still looking for individuals to assist with our various stations, but our greatest need, at this time, would be in terms of cooking meals and helping with serving the meals, without cooking. Due to various circumstances, we have lost several of our previous meal preparation volunteers, and if we are not able to find new volunteers in the very near future, we might have to consider no longer being able to provide meals as part of this program. As such, if you believe that you might be able to help in this way, please let us know as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes for all ages began last Sunday, September 7th, from 10:00AM to 10:50AM, and they will continue every Sunday morning at that time throughout the school year, unless otherwise announced. If families are considering Sunday School classes for their students for this year, please take some time to fill out a registration sheet, found in the church office and narthex, and then return them to Mr. J, or the church office, at your earliest opportunity. Each week students should start in the Zion Lutheran Church gym and wait for their teacher to take them to their classroom. This year, Kathy Tinker will be teaching the Pre-School through Kindergarten class, Kathy Test will be teaching the 1st through 3rd grade class, Adrienne Riggert will be teaching the 4th through 6th grade class, and Mr. Jareske will be teaching the 7th through 12th grade class. With that in mind, though, we are still currently looking for several substitute teachers to assist in the event of teacher absences. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School during this year, or you would just like to inquire at this point, please let Mr. Jareske know, as soon as possible, by phone (402-329-4313) or email (dcejareske@zionlutheranpierce.com). Going into this new school year, please consider making Sunday morning classes part of your weekly routine.

PIERCE SENIOR CENTER: The Pierce Senior Center is turning 40! It’s time to celebrate! They are having a birthday party on **Monday, September 22nd**. Call the center at 402-329-6741 and make a reservation by **September 15**. Social hour will be from 4:30-5:30pm and a meal (free will donation) at 5:30pm. There will be entertainment, a silent auction, and prizes.